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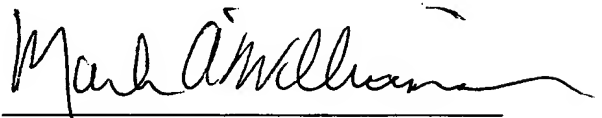
JP '040 is discussed at pages 3 and 4 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

JP '007 is discussed at pages 4, 5 and 22 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '237 corresponds to JP '007.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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